

What is claimed is:

- 1           1.     A frequency-selective circuit comprising:  
2           an active device providing an input port and an output port, the active device  
3           having a bandwidth defined by a cutoff frequency;  
4           a reactive component coupled to the output port; and  
5           a compensation resistance coupled to the reactive component, wherein the  
6           compensation resistance is effective to compensate for a bandwidth  
7           limitation of the active device.
  
- 1           2.     The frequency-selective circuit defined in Claim 1, wherein the reactive  
2           component comprises a capacitor.
  
- 1           3.     The frequency-selective circuit defined in Claim 2, wherein the  
2           compensation resistance comprises a compensation resistor and wherein the  
3           compensation resistor has a resistance value that is inversely proportional to a tangent of  
4           a phase-shift at a predetermined compensation frequency.
  
- 1           4.     The frequency-selective circuit defined in Claim 3, wherein the  
2           compensation resistor has a resistance value that is inversely proportional to a  
3           capacitance value of the capacitor.
  
- 1           5.     The frequency-selective circuit defined in Claim 3, wherein the  
2           predetermined compensation frequency is a frequency at which a  $Q_{\max}$  of the frequency-  
3           selective circuit appears.

1           6.       The frequency-selective circuit defined in Claim 1, wherein the active  
2 device comprises an operational transconductance amplifier (OTA).

1           7.       The frequency-selective circuit defined in Claim 6, wherein the reactive  
2 component comprises a capacitor.

1           8.       The frequency-selective circuit defined in Claim 7, wherein the  
2 compensation resistance comprises a compensation resistor and wherein the  
3 compensation resistor has a resistance value that is proportional to a tangent of a phase-  
4 shift at a predetermined compensation frequency.

1           9.       The frequency-selective circuit defined in Claim 8, wherein the  
2 compensation resistor has a resistance value that is inversely proportional to a  
3 capacitance value of the capacitor.

1           10.      The frequency-selective circuit defined in Claim 7, wherein the  
2 compensation resistance comprises a resistor and, at a predetermined compensation  
3 frequency, the compensation resistor has a resistance value that is proportional to a  
4 tangent of a phase-shift of the OTA transconductance at the compensation frequency.

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11. A frequency-selective circuit comprising:

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an operational transconductance amplifier having a bandwidth-limited

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transconductance that is defined by a cutoff frequency;

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a capacitor coupled to an output of the OTA so as to reflect an inductor at an input

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of the OTA; and

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a compensation resistor coupled to the capacitor and effective to compensate for a

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bandwidth limitation of the transconductance.

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12. The frequency-selective circuit defined in Claim 11, wherein, at a

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predetermined compensation frequency, the resistor has a resistance value that is

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inversely proportional to a tangent of a phase-shift at a predetermined compensation

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frequency and inversely proportional to a capacitance value of the capacitor.

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13. The frequency-selective circuit defined in Claim 12, wherein the

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frequency-selective circuit exhibits a  $Q_{\max}$  and a  $Q_{\min}$ , and wherein the predetermined

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compensation frequency is selected to correspond to  $Q_{\max}$ .

1           14.     A method of compensating for a bandwidth limitation of an active  
2 frequency-selective circuit, the method comprising:  
3           determining a compensation frequency;  
4           determining a value of an effective negative resistance that results, at least in part,  
5                 from a bandwidth limitation of an active device in the frequency-selective  
6                 circuit; and  
7           providing in the frequency-selective circuit a compensation resistor that, at the  
8                 compensation frequency, is effective to compensate the negative  
9                 resistance.

1           15.     The method defined in Claim 14, wherein the compensation frequency is  
2 a frequency at which a  $Q_{\max}$  of the active frequency-selective circuit occurs.

1           16.     The method defined in Claim 14, wherein the active frequency-selective  
2 circuit comprises:  
3           an active device providing an input port and an output port, the active device  
4                 having a bandwidth defined by a cutoff frequency; and  
5           a reactive device coupled to the output port.

1           17.     The method defined in Claim 16, further comprising:  
2           coupling the compensation resistor to the reactive device.

1           18.     The method defined in Claim 17, wherein the compensation resistor is  
2 selected to have a resistance value, at the compensation frequency, that is inversely  
3 proportional to the tangent of a phase-shift at the compensation frequency.

1            19.    The method defined in Claim 16, wherein the active device comprises an  
2    operational transconductance amplifier (OTA) having a transconductance that is  
3    bandwidth limited to a frequency approximate to the cutoff frequency.

1            20.    The method defined in Claim 17, further comprising:  
2            coupling the compensation resistor to the reactive device.

1            21.    A method as defined in Claim 20, wherein the compensation resistor is  
2    selected to have a resistance value, at the compensation frequency, that is inversely  
3    proportional to a phase-shift at the compensation frequency.

1            22.    The method defined in Claim 21, wherein the active frequency-selective  
2    circuit exhibits a  $Q_{\max}$  and a  $Q_{\min}$ , the method further comprising:  
3            effecting compensation of the negative resistance at a frequency corresponding to  
4             $Q_{\max}$ .

1        23.    A Gm-C filter circuit comprising:  
2        an input node;  
3        an output node;  
4        an intermediate node;  
5        a return node;  
6        a first compensated reactive branch coupled between the input node and the  
7                intermediate node; and  
8        a second compensated reactive branch coupled between the output node and the  
9                intermediate node.

1        24.    The Gm-C filter defined in Claim 23, wherein the first reactive branch  
2 comprises:  
3        a first operational transconductance amplifier (OTA) device, the first OTA device  
4                having an input port and having a bandwidth defined by a first cutoff  
5                frequency;  
6        a first reactive device coupled to the output port of the first OTA device; and  
7        a first compensation resistance coupled to the first reactive device; and wherein  
8                the second reactive branch comprises:  
9        a second OTA device, the second OTA device having an input port and having a  
10                bandwidth defined by a second cutoff frequency;  
11        a second reactive device coupled to the output port of the second OTA device;  
12                and  
13        a second compensation resistance coupled to the second reactive device.

1           25.     The Gm-C filter defined in Claim 23, wherein the first cutoff frequency is  
2 substantially equal to the second cutoff frequency.

1           26.     The Gm-C filter defined in Claim 23, wherein the first compensation  
2 resistance is effective to compensate for a bandwidth limitation of the first OTA device  
3 and the second compensation resistance is effective to compensate for a bandwidth  
4 limitation of the second OTA device.

1           27.     The Gm-C filter defined in Claim 25, wherein the first reactive device  
2 comprises a first capacitor and a second reactive device comprises a second capacitor.

1           28.     The Gm-C filter defined in Claim 26, wherein the first compensation  
2 resistance comprises a first compensation resistor having a first resistance value that is  
3 inversely proportional to the tangent of a phase-shift at a first compensation frequency  
4 and wherein the second compensation resistance comprises a second compensation  
5 resistor having a second resistance value that is inversely proportional to the tangent of a  
6 phase-shift at a second compensation frequency.

1           29.     The Gm-C filter defined in Claim 27, wherein, the compensation  
2 frequency, the first resistance value is inversely proportional to a capacitance value of the  
3 first capacitor and the second resistance value is inversely proportional to a capacitance  
4 value of the second capacitor.

1           30.     The Gm-C filter defined in Claim 28, wherein the Gm-C filter circuit  
2 exhibits at least a  $Q_{\max}$  and a  $Q_{\min}$  and wherein the compensation frequency is selected to  
3 correspond to the  $Q_{\max}$ .

1           31.     The Gm-C filter defined in Claim 29, wherein the first OTA device and  
2     the second OTA device each comprise:  
3           a first OTA having differential inputs and differential outputs: and  
4           a second OTA having differential inputs and differential outputs, and wherein the  
5           differential outputs of the first OTA are coupled to the differential inputs  
6           of the second OTA; and  
7     the differential outputs of the second OTA are coupled to the differential inputs of  
8     the first OTA.



1           32.    A system comprising:  
2           a low-noise amplifier (LNA) to receive a modulated carrier signal;  
3           a mixer coupled to the LNA;  
4           a demodulator coupled to the mixer; and  
5           a bandwidth-compensated filter coupled to the LNA, the bandwidth-compensated  
6           filter comprising:  
7           an active device providing an input port and an output port, the active  
8           device having a bandwidth defined by a cutoff frequency;  
9           a reactive component coupled to the output port; and  
10          a compensation resistance coupled to the reactive component, wherein the  
11          compensation resistance is effective to compensate for a bandwidth  
12          limitation of the active device.

1           33.    The system defined in Claim 32, wherein the reactive component  
2           comprises a capacity and wherein the compensation resistance comprises a compensation  
3           resistor having a resistance value that is inversely proportional to a product of a  
4           capacitance value of the capacitance and a tangent of a phase-shift at a predetermined  
5           compensation frequency.

1           34.    The system defined in Claim 33, wherein the active device comprises an  
2           operational transconductance amplifier (OTA) having a bandwidth-limited  
3           transconductance that is defined by a cutoff frequency.

1           35.     The system defined in Claim 34, wherein the phase-shift is the phase-shift  
2     of the transconductance at the predetermined frequency.

1           36.     The system defined in Claim 35, wherein the predetermined frequency is  
2     the frequency at which a maximum Q of the bandwidth-compensated filter occurs.